

Inspirations

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Finding Inspiration at Edison State College

I am pleased to introduce you to the Edison State College Foundation's new publication, *Inspirations*.

The selection of this name is very intentional. The various definitions of inspiration have an amazing application at this time in the life of both the College and the Foundation.

» **The action or power of moving the intellect or the emotions.** As an institution of higher learning should be, this is the *raison d'être* of the College.

Inspirations will communicate how this happens for our students and the communities we serve.

» **The act of influencing or suggesting opinion:** It's a new day at Edison State College. Under the leadership of President Jeff Allbritten, the College moves into its second 50 years of existence.



We embrace the core elements that have made us successful while exploring a vast array of opportunities that will make us relevant in the 21st century. With each issue of *Inspirations*, we hope to give Southwest Florida a greater appreciation of the College's impact on the quality of life in our community.

» **The act of drawing in:** The College is an incredibly multifaceted institution. It really has something of interest for everyone. We intend to share those facets with you through *Inspirations*. In the process, we believe you will learn more about Edison State and join us as one of our many supporters.

Thank you for sharing our passion and our inspirations.

TAMARA SURRATT
Chairman of the Edison State College
Foundation Board of Directors

In step with...Dr. Jeff Allbritten

How time flies. In the past year, Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President of Edison State College, can name many things that make him proud, including the College's full reaffirmation with its accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

"More importantly, we've seen a culture change to one of trust, pride and calm," he said. "This institution is larger than any one person, and we are here to serve this region's educational needs. We can also be a catalyst to support local businesses and help bring more businesses here. It's important that we are closely aligned with the economic development needs of our region. With this new sense of renewal, we'll take on challenges, draw people in and continue to grow in the impact we have on this region."

The College has decided to change its name to further embrace the region it serves. It is also pursuing the idea of bringing back inter-collegiate athletics.

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easy decision, but there are compelling reasons to take this bold step so that we can continue to expand and better serve this region," said Dr. Allbritten. "Athletics is yet another way to further engage our students and the community as a whole."

That future includes a new focus on the College's areas of expertise with centers of excellence.

"We want to be the tool chest for businesses by reaching out and serving more of our population," he said. "We are expanding our student recruitment – we have exceptional programs that are attractive to exceptional students. By all of us working together, we can train and keep the talent here – all for the benefit of Southwest Florida."

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Footloose with Kenny Loggins

In appreciation of donors and their generous support, the Edison State College Foundation will host honored guests at An Evening of Celebration



with Kenny Loggins.

The event takes place Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014. The Foundation will host a private cocktail reception.

After the reception, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a live

performance by the legendary Kenny Loggins at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Loggins is best known for hits including "Celebrate Me Home," "I'm Alright," "Footloose" and "Danger Zone."

Event generously sponsored by FPL.

Award-winning author speaks

Edison State College launched the Cornerstone Critical Thinking Speaker Series on its Collier Campus in the fall of 2012 with John Schnatter, founder and CEO of Papa John's International, Inc. He discussed a range of topics under the umbrella of "Critical Thinking in Entrepreneurship."

The next such event will be held Nov. 12, 2013 and will feature Jeremy Scahill; National Security



Correspondent for The Nation magazine in a program titled "Critical Thinking in Journalism." Scahill has won national and international acclaim for his two books, "Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful

Mercenary Army" and his latest, "Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield."

The program will include follow up questions from a five-person panel from Southwest Florida.

The purpose of these programs is to promote critical thinking for Edison State students and the public. For more information, contact the Foundation at 239-489-9210.

Manet, Renoir, Luini on display at the Rush Gallery

It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

You are invited to an extraordinary art exhibition featuring Old Master Paintings from the Julia and Richard H. Rush Collection, which hang in a dedicated gallery space on the first floor of the Rush Library on the Lee Campus. The art, collected by the lenders over 50 years, provides riveting examples of the progress and history of art for Edison students and the general public.

Artists represented include Bernardino Luini (c. 1480/82-1532), Paolo Veronese (1528-1588), Pietro della Vecchia (1603-1678), Carlo Maratta (1625-1713), Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669), John Hoppner (1758-1810), Edouard Manet (1832-1883) and Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919).

An opening reception held in 2013 honored Mrs. Julia Rush and her late husband Richard. The paintings, which are on loan, give Edison students, faculty and the general public the opportunity to study the art.

"The paintings in the Rush Collections Gallery represent 400 years of the history of culture and painting," said Dr. Dale Hoover, professor of humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, who spoke at the opening reception. "They also show evidence of the work of students apprenticed to famous artists, and to the working process of artists from the 15th century to the 19th century. Our students can see the evolution of both western culture and artistic techniques in these paintings."

The exhibition area welcomes students and the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



John Hoppner, Portrait of Lady Jane Orde, 24 1/2" x 30" (On loan, Julia and Richard H. Rush Collection)

Jade Dellinger heads Rauschenberg Gallery

Edison State College welcomes Jade Dellinger as the new Director of Exhibitions and Collections of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, the Rush Collections Gallery and the Museum of Medical History.

Dellinger was selected to replace Ron Bishop, who retired in 2013 after a 14-year career of exemplary leadership in continuing the tradition of culture and art at Edison State College.

Dellinger is no stranger to the College. He guest curated the exhibit, "Things Not Seen Before: A Tribute to John Cage," in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery in August of 2013 and was part of the Gallery conversation presented in the opening reception. He comes to Edison State College from Tampa where he has



been a consulting curator and regular collaborator for more than two decades with both the Contemporary Art Museum at the University of South Florida and the Tampa Museum of Art.

With an Art History degree from the University of South Florida and a M.A. in Arts Administration from

New York University, Dellinger was honored with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts as a Distinguished Alumnus of the USF College of Fine Arts in 1997. While living in New York City through the 1990s, he was the former co-host of "The New York Art Report" (Ring World Productions) with Paul Miller (aka DJ Spooky) for Japanese satellite television.

Dellinger has curated major solo museum shows for Allan McCollum, Lucy Orta, Atelier Van Lieshout, Carlos Amorales, Janaina Tschäpe, Felice Varini, Keith Haring, Ann Hamilton & Andrew Deutsch, The Art Guys and others.

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ESC on stage and beyond

» SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON

**NOVEMBER 14-16,
NOVEMBER 21-23**

**» Student Theatre
Performance***

Black Box Theater, Lee County
1 show each day at 8 p.m.
and a matinee on the
16th and 23rd.

November 17

**» Student Music Concert,
Orchestra/Choir Concert**

Barbara B. Mann
Performing Arts Hall
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November 21

**» Edison State Visual Arts
Students Featured**

**Student Art Exhibition,
"The Price and
Promise of Progress" ***
First Floor, Richard H.
Rush Library



November 26

**» Student Music
Concert Band**

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December 4

» Jazz Ensemble

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February 13, 2014

**» An Evening of Celebration
Performance by Kenny
Loggins**

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Spring 2014

**» Edison Alumni Night
with the Red Sox**

Jet Blue Park
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by BSSW Architects*

**» Student Music
Concert Series***

Barbara B. Mann
Performing Arts Hall

» Student Theatre Series*

Black Box Theatre

April 2014

**» Donor Appreciation
Luncheon, Lee**

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Luncheon, Hendry/Glades**

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A note of thanks

The staff at the Edison State College Foundation wants to thank our generous donors for making this a year to remember.



« Alumna Featured on Burn Notice

An alumna of Edison State College was featured on the USA Network's hit series "Burn Notice" in July. Tamara Paquette, a 2006 Edison State College graduate, has appeared in a variety of shows including "All My Children," "Law and Order" and "Sex and the City." Paquette, who resides in Naples, knows how to draw a crowd. Folks who watched the Fourth of July parade in downtown Naples last summer might remember the actress leading a group of Edison students on stilts through the city. We are excited to see where her acting career takes her!



Lights, action and comfortable seating

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall has two things going for it these days – theatrical excellence and comfortable seating.

The semi-stiff, straight-backed chairs that have welcomed patrons for 27 years have been replaced by something a bit more cozy. All 1,819 seats have been replaced with scalloped back seats with two extra inches of seat padding.

The new seats are part of a three-month renovation that will transform the venue for its 2013-14 season, which begins in October. The \$1.1 million project includes replacing aisle carpets, repainting walls and adding energy-efficient house lights and LED aisle lighting.

For more information about Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall visit www.bbmannph.com.



CANNES CORNER »

Edison professor and students go international

Steve Chase is getting a taste of fame. The Edison State College Fine Art Photography Adjunct Instructor got a tremendous surprise when his film, "When You Feel Love" was accepted into this year's Cannes International Film Festival.

He recently learned of another honor. His film is an official selection of the 2013 Naples International Film Festival held in November.

Chase shares both honors with other Edison students, faculty and alumni. Jed Krause, a student at Edison, and Willie Filkowski, an alumnus of Edison, both star in the film. Chris Ludvigsen, an Edison Library Learning Resources assistant, was the composer for the film's music. The



cinematographer, Michael Grodum, is also an Edison alumnus.

"I'd known all of these guys from their performances and work at the college and was impressed by their abilities," Chase said. "I knew it would be a great group to work with."

The 25-minute film was showcased under the Cannes Film Festival's Short Film Corner. It tells the story of a young man following the end of a romance.

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Edison State College Foundation & Alumni Staff

From left to right: Keith Callaghan, Arlene Knox, Debra Kivel, Danielle Martinez, Reba Singleton, Rio DeArmond, Kevin Miller



The ESC Foundation has a new home

In April, The Edison State College Foundation & Alumni Center moved its office operations to a location on College Parkway, across the street from the north entrance to the Lee Campus.

The new location is a multipurpose facility and various fundraising options (i.e. building and individual room naming opportunities) are available to renovate the second floor of the

building (see drawing above).

Once renovations are complete, the Foundation & Alumni Center will be housed in a state of the art facility that will host meetings, gatherings, and events to increase awareness of all the programs and services that Edison State College has to offer the Southwest Florida community.

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ESC FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
» MEETING DATES FOR 2013-2014

FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS 9 a.m.
Lee Campus Bldg. AA-177
November 19, 2013 • March 18, 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS 9 a.m.
Foundation and Alumni Center, 8060 College Parkway Bldg. Z-117
November 14, 2013 • February 20, 2014

** Other meetings called as needed by the chairman of executive and finance committees.

ESC Foundation welcomes four new board members

Since 1966, the Edison State College Foundation has been enhancing the access and quality of education for Edison State students. Its focus is to attract and manage private contributions from individuals, organizations, business, and private foundations to support Edison State's mission. Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors of business and civic leaders from all five counties served by Edison State College, the Foundation is a private non-profit entity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and by the state of Florida as a direct support organization for the benefit of Edison State College.

As a partner in building a better community, the Edison State College Foundation promotes higher education with student scholarships, support of academic programs, technology enhancements, and new and improved facilities. For more information about the Foundation, call Kevin Miller, Executive Director, Edison State College Foundation, at 239-489-9036.

At its most recent meeting, the Edison State College Foundation elected four new members to its board of directors.

Duncan MacDonald has been recently elected to the Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors.



Originally from Scotland, he is married to Carol Ann MacDonald and they have two children. He is currently the Vice-President and Director of Corporate

Strategy and Business Development for the United States Sugar Corporation.

David Carlton is also one of the newest members of the Foundation. Carlton is an attorney with Carlton & Hancock, which is



based in Punta Gorda. He is a proud graduate of Edison Community College where he was awarded a scholarship in baseball. He graduated from Stetson University, Stetson University of Law

and is a member of the Charlotte County Board Association.

Marcia L. Hobe, Senior Vice President and Fiduciary Officer of Trevett Capital Partners, is an Edison alumna. She has served the Lee County



community in various roles including the 2002-2003 Lee County United Way Campaign Chair, and the 2009 co-chair of the Junior Achievement Hall Business Leadership of Fame Lee County Laureate event. She serves on the Planned Giving Council and is a past

member of the Estate Planning Council of Lee County. In 2008, Hobe was selected as one of Florida Weekly's Southwest Florida Power Women and the American Red Cross of Lee County honored her with its 2011 Legacy Award.

Jayne M. Young is a partner of Clear View Financial Services, LLC in Port Charlotte. She focuses on college



planning, long term care solutions, and tax strategies. Currently, Young serves on the Board of Directors of the Punta Gorda Soccer Club and

has served on various committees including membership, financial auditing, and family activities for the Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club for eight years.

ESC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Reaching for the stars

OBSERVATORY UPGRADES ON CHARLOTTE CAMPUS »

The Charlotte Campus got an exciting donation for observatory upgrades. Sam Horgan donated \$3,000 for The Edison State College Foundation to add digital imagery capability to its observatory telescope.

Last fall, Horgan visited the observatory on the Punta Gorda campus while visiting family, one of whom is handicapped. The telescope is at the top of the observatory and is only accessible by a spiral staircase. Renovations are not possible due to the architecture of the building. Horgan was inspired to make the gift that would extend the observatory experience to everyone.

The gift allowed for the purchase of high tech electronics. This included video recorders and a high resolution television screen, which allows what is being viewed through the telescope to appear in real time on a television in the observatory lobby.

Dave Hanson, retired faculty



member and current director of the observatory, is excited by the upgrades as they will also give him a chance to record and store the images in a digital format that could be provided to anyone.

Hanson is also thrilled that the observatory will continue to hold

free public viewing sessions, as was stipulated by the gift from the original donors when the observatory was first built. The Edison observatory also offers free observation sessions for any community group or club. To inquire about availability call 941-637-5629.

Building G benefits from a name change

It's a win-win situation.

Edison State College has christened Building G on the Edison State College Lee Campus with a new name: The Presidio Information Technology Center.

The name change went into effect this summer and will remain for at least five years in exchange for a \$500,000 reduction in the cost of a new Voiceover Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system, its software and hardware, its installation and implementation at all three Edison State College campuses and its center in LaBelle.

"The new phone system will replace the antiquated system we have now," said Dr. Jeff Stewart, Vice-President of Research, Technology, and Accountability at Edison State College. "Instead of using a regular phone system, it will run over the college's Internet network and provide a backup to the incoming calls. It will be a more efficient system for our students, faculty, and staff."

As a result, the college will increase its bandwidth and the Internet technology. The network infrastructure at the Collier Campus will be enhanced. Installation will be complete in spring 2014.

PRESIDIO
Practical thinking for a connected world.

Making medical history

The Museum of Medical History at Edison State College began with the vision of co-founder and curator Dr. Roger D. Scott.

Scott has been a fixture in Southwest Florida since he arrived as the first board-certified surgeon in Fort Myers in 1958. After treating more than 90,000 patients in Lee County, he retired with a reputation as a compassionate physician with an impeccable bedside manner.

But Scott realized he couldn't retire his passion. Instead, Scott and Dr. Jacob Goldberger began talking about establishing a museum that would preserve the medical heritage of Lee County and greater Southwest Florida. They began amassing medical artifacts in 1999 from the families of pioneer physicians and colleagues who were upgrading their offices or retiring. This collection of artifacts grew immense in size and value. In partnership with Edison State College, an advisory board helped create a comprehensive space to house the collection.

In November 2010, the David M. Bernstein Memorial Museum of Medical History arrived at its contemporary, 1,800-square-foot gallery in Building AA on the Edison State College campus. This permanent home offers public access to one of the most extensive collections of medical-related



objects in the state of Florida.

Scott retired this year, and the Edison State College Foundation honored him in May for his vision and profound contributions. Scott volunteers and gives guided tours by request.



A first at West Point

Morgan Pepitone is the first woman from Hendry County to be accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The 18-year-old attended LaBelle High School and began dual enrollment at Edison State College as a sophomore. Getting a college experience allowed her the chance to excel academically and pursue leadership opportunities.

"It gave me a better chance of reaching my potential," Pepitone said.

Edison State College is proud to have had Morgan as a student and now as an alumna. We wish her the best in her first year at West Point this fall.

Alumni Cruise 2014

The Edison State College Alumni Association is thrilled to announce its first travel program! In July 2014, we will be heading to the Caribbean aboard the Allure of the Seas; the grandest ship of them all. Stops include Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. With more than 40,000 alumni, we are expecting a large group! If you are an alumnus or alumna of Edison and wish to join us on this seven-night vacation, please contact Herb Tinley with Cruise Everything at 239-275-1717. Or, visit our group page at CruiseEverything.com.



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SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT PROFILE »
Linda Lober

Linda Lober knows what it's like to be in pain. Years ago, she was a victim of crime when she was physically assaulted by two men in the parking lot of her apartment complex. The encounter left her riddled with injuries to her back, head and neck. She



received treatment from a physical therapist, chiropractor and a massage therapist and together, they facilitated a wellness program to rid her of injury. Today, she wants to help others in need so that she may complete the circle...pay it forward.

She will be able to accomplish that goal because of a scholarship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fort Myers/Lee County Branch.

Lober is in her second year at Edison State College and taking the required courses to apply for the Physical Therapy Assistant program. She has submitted her application and is awaiting acceptance into the program. In addition, she is working toward an Associate in Arts degree that will allow her to continue her education with the ultimate goal to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

After graduation, Linda plans to open a practice where she can serve the community and bring affordable rehabilitation to everyone in need. Giving back to the community motivates Linda and she would like to offer free seminars that would teach techniques to minimize the risk of illness and injury through a balance of diet and exercise.

COMPASSION
AWARD RECIPIENT »
Sagine Theard

Sagine Theard, an Edison State College Nursing student, received the prestigious Lynne Davis Nightingale Award this year.

The Edison nursing faculty, along with local hospital personnel, chose Theard because she displayed the most compassion and care when dealing with patients.

This award was created in 2012, and honors the memory of Edison adjunct professor,

Lynne Davis, who was a compassionate role model for all students who knew her. The Lynne Davis Nightingale Award is given out at the Nurse Pinning Ceremony in May and in December. Recipients are awarded \$1,000.

Lynne Davis' husband, Mark Preston, provides the funds for this award, wanting to recognize future nursing students with the same compassion that his wife displayed in the field of nursing.

Michael and Susan Kyle

Forty-nine years ago, Dr. Michael Kyle and Susan Kyle joined the growing ranks of northern residents trekking south to the beaches of Southwest Florida. As Indiana natives, they raised five children in Fort Myers' small-town community. Mike is a retired radiologist and Susan is a nurse with current licenses in Florida and Indiana. She is a former board member of the Edison State College Foundation, now a Lifetime Member Emeritus.

"When we came to Fort Myers, Edison was housed in the Gwynn Building downtown," Susan Kyle said. "We've seen so much change over the years."

The Kyles support the College through two endowed scholarships: The Susan Crane Kyle Nursing Scholarship and the Michael Kyle Radiology Scholarship.

They give back because it's an important part of being part of the



community. "The Fort Myers community has been so good to us," she said. "Mike's practice was very successful, and we wanted to give back. No one approached

us about it. We just discussed it together and felt that it was important. Healthcare was, and still is, a big part of our lives."

The scholarship recipients also made a huge impression on the couple.

"When I meet the scholarship recipients, I am so impressed," she said. "It really does something to you when you see the need in these students, and their desire to attend school. We always believed that the best thing we could do for our own children was to give them the best education possible. We were blessed to be able to do that and wanted to help other students with their education."

The Kyles are optimistic about the future.

"Edison will be in a better place," she said. "Edison is a beautiful campus with so much to offer the community. We have known all three previous presidents—Alan Robertson, David Robinson, and Ken Walker. We look forward to Dr. Allbritten's presidency as well, and to Edison's bright future."

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« NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Presidential Scholars program launches

Edison State College announces the creation of the Presidential Scholars Program, a leadership and merit-based scholarship program for first-time college students. This new Scholars Program, which replaces the Project Hope, (Help One Person Excel) is aimed at making college accessible and affordable for high-achieving students. The new program requires that Presidential Scholars enter Edison State ready for college level work, maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, participate in service learning and complete an internship prior to graduation.

"Requiring a service-learning component is based on a review of best practices relative to what college students need to enhance their academic experience," said Dr. Christine Davis, Vice-President, Student Affairs and Enrollment.

"The internship

component allows Presidential Scholars to have real workplace experience that will strengthen their resumes when either job seeking or applying for baccalaureate or graduate programs."

The revision of the program prompted an immediate response from long-time donors to the college. After hearing about the new program, a couple donated \$35,000 specifically to help Presidential Scholars with financial need.

"Our donors are genuinely invested in our students," said Kevin Miller, Executive Director of the Edison State College Foundation. "We are grateful for the support and we appreciate the confidence our donors' place in the College's renewal efforts and new programs."

For more information about how you can support the Presidential Scholars Program, contact us at 239-489-9210.

GIVING BACK

Edison State College students benefit tremendously from the generosity of our donors. Here is a sample of what some of our scholarship students have to say:

"I will definitely take advantage of this opportunity to do my best."

"Thank you for your generous donation. Thanks to your help, I am closer to achieving my goals."

"Without your help, I would not have been able to afford my college education."

"My education is very important to me, and without it, I would not be able to support my son."

Everyone in the community can inspire change. Please help us continue to open doors and expand the educational possibilities for students at Edison State College.

YOU CAN HELP:

» "Be An Inspiration" is the new community annual campaign for the Edison State College Foundation. Watch your mail for a giving flyer, or join us online at www.edison.edu/foundation to support the scholarship or program of your choosing.

» A charitable gift annuity is a great option for donors who want to give a gift to Edison, while still retaining income from the gift property during their lives. If you have a Certificate of Deposit that is nearing maturity, consider converting that CD to a gift annuity. Rates are determined by the age of the person who receives the income payment.

» A simple bequest can make a huge difference in the life of a student. By simply including the Edison State College Foundation as the charitable beneficiary in your estate plan, trust, IRA, or even checking accounts, you can enhance student learning.

For more information about these and other gift opportunities, contact our office at 239-489-9210.



LEE CAMPUS »

Carol and Adam Culliton with Crime Scene Technology students at the Crime Scene Island, outdoor forensic laboratory, made possible by a gift of support from the Gunterberg Charitable Foundation.



HENDRY/GLADES CENTER »

Scholarship Recipients honored donors and community supporters at the first annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon at the Hendry/Glades Center.

« COLLIER CAMPUS

Nursing students solve health problems on the Collier Campus.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR »

Ann Berlam

Ann Berlam has been a champion for Edison State College for many years.

Her community efforts were officially acknowledged this spring when the Community Foundation of Collier County honored her with the Women of Initiative award. The award honors community leaders who inspire women seeking to make a difference through philanthropy and civic engagement. More than 40 women were nominated for the award and 10 were chosen.

“To volunteer is to say you want to make a difference,” Berlam said. “It’s about doing the right thing and using your time, talents or treasures in a way that can help your community.”

Berlam is a past president of Greater Naples Leadership, a past trustee of the Community Foundation of Collier County, a past member of the Edison State College Foundation Board, Chair of the Edison State College District Board of Trustees and served on Edison State College’s Presidential Search Committee. In 2006, she played a key role in forming a partnership between Edison State College, the Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF) and the University of Florida, resulting in the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center and NCEF Pediatric Dental Center/University of Florida College of Dentistry, which serves low-income children in Collier County, on Edison’s Collier Campus.

“Ann is truly an inspiration to Collier County and to Edison State College,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President, Edison State College. “Her commitment to her community has bettered the lives of those in it. We are lucky to have her as an Edison State Board of Trustees member. We value her work and guidance now and her leadership as our former chair.”



Edison Collegiate High Schools achieve highest scores in state

The Edison Collegiate High Schools in both Lee and Charlotte are blowing the competition away. Students at Edison Collegiate High Schools had the some of the highest 2013 FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) scores in the state. All public school students in the State of Florida participate in the FCAT. “Our students work hard in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program throughout the year,” said Dr. Brian Botts, Principal of ECHS-Lee. “These kinds of scores show that by focusing on authentic learning through rigorous and interdisciplinary curriculum, it is possible to teach and learn far beyond the constraints of standardized tests.”

By attending a collegiate high school in direct partnership with Edison State College, students are used to working hard and meeting high expectations. Many graduate from high school with an associate degree. Students enjoy small class sizes and individualized attention. “Test scores tell only part of the story of the success of our students at ECHS – Charlotte,” said Diane Juneau, Principal. “Another part of the story is the commitment of teachers to developing the whole student (or child, if you prefer), to inspiring the love of learning, to creating an atmosphere that is both challenging and fun.” For more information about Edison Collegiate High School visit www.edison.edu.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PASSED

| SUBJECT | LEE | CHARLOTTE | FLORIDA STATE |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 9th Grade Reading | 84% | 78% | 53% |
| 10th Grade Reading | 86% | 93% | 54% |
| 9th Grade EOC Geometry | 86% | 93% | 88% |
| 10th Grade EOC Geometry | 97% | 91% | 54% |
| Algebra EOC | 85% | 83% | 52% |

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